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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT**

**FOR THE YEAR**

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*Report Presented by:*

**The Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector**



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**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE AREA DURING 1967**

**PREFACE**

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the Health of the Area during 1967 drawn up on the lines suggested in Ministry of Health Circular 1/68 dated January, 1968. Included in the Report is the Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

No great variation in the Statistics has occurred and the general health of the District has been maintained.

A great deal of work has been done by the Health Inspectorate and the Engineer in connection with sewerage and sewage disposal, and refuse disposal. The Surveyor particularly mentions several serious sewer obstructions brought about by cloths, polythene articles and, in particular, disposable napkins.

Once again food and meat inspection has taken a great deal of time, but this is absolutely essential if high standards are to be maintained.

Again I wish to thank all members of the staff, and the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

JOHN WILDMAN,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

*October, 1968.*

## TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Committee was MR. H. MOORE with MR. A. A. W. BROWN as Vice-Chairman, together with all the other members of the Council.

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

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## SECTION 'A'

## VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1967

Table 1

*(figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)*

## Population

Estimated mid-year Population of Tavistock Rural District	22,600 (22,510)
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## General Statistics (1st April)

Area of Tavistock Rural District in Acres	.. ..	153,207
Number of Parishes	.. ..	26
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books		7,475 (7,300)
Number of Houses per acre	.. ..	0.049 (0.048)
Number of Persons per acre	.. ..	0.148 (0.147)
Number of Persons per house	.. ..	3.024 (3.084)
Dwellings owned by the Council	.. ..	1,033
Rateable Value of District	.. ..	£697,540 (£680,459)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	.. ..	£2,734 (£2,672)
Loan Debt	.. ..	£1,881,028 (£1,693,344)

Table 2

*(figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)*

## Births

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	..	16.9 (16.37)
Area Comparability Factor for Births	.. ..	1.20 (1.22)

Number of Live Births:	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
TOTAL	174	144	318
Legitimate	162	137	299
Illegitimate	12	7	19

NUMBER OF STILL BIRTHS	3	2	5
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Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	..	11.2 (11.06)
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Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	0.84	(0.83)
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Number of Deaths:	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
ALL AGES: TOTAL	150	150	300
Death of Infants under 1 year	1	0	1
Number under 4 weeks of age	0	0	0
Number under 1 week of age	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	3.14	(6.62)
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## Comparison with Rates for England and Wales

Birth Rate	.. ..	17.2 (17.7)
Death Rate	.. ..	11.2 (11.7)
Infantile Mortality Rate (infants under 1 year of age)		18.3 (19.0)

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES – CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1967

Table 1

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Age Group in Years</i>					
		<i>Under 1</i>	<i>1–</i>	<i>5–</i>	<i>15–</i>	<i>25–</i>	<i>Over 65</i>
Whooping Cough ..	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Measles .. ..	259	5	103	144	5	2	0
Scarlet Fever ..	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Table 2

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Incidence by Quarters</i>			
		<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
Whooping Cough .. ..	2	1	0	1	0
Measles .. ..	259	170	88	1	0
Scarlet Fever .. ..	1	0	1	0	0

The year 1967 was an epidemic one for measles. It is to be hoped that after the Devon County Council's Measles Immunisation Scheme becomes effective there will be a substantial drop in the number of cases of measles, and that the disease will become as rare as diphtheria and poliomyelitis.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951

No action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts for the removal and detention of persons in need of care and attention, and no burials took place under Section 50 of the 1948 Act.



## Causes of Death during the Year 1967

		<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total</i>
	ALL CAUSES .. .. .	150	150	300
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory .. .. .	0	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other .. .. .	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease .. .. .	0	0	0
4	Diphtheria .. .. .	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough .. .. .	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections .. .. .	0	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis .. .. .	0	0	0
8	Measles .. .. .	0	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease .. .. .	0	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach .. .. .	4	1	5
11	Malignant neoplasms, lungs, bronchus .. .. .	10	4	14
12	Malignant neoplasms, breast .. .. .	0	2	2
13	Malignant neoplasms, uterus .. .. .	—	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .. .. .	13	14	27
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. .. .	1	1	2
16	Diabetes .. .. .	3	4	7
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system .. .. .	24	30	54
18	Coronary disease, angina .. .. .	37	34	71
19	Hypertension with heart disease .. .. .	2	1	3
20	Other heart disease .. .. .	7	12	19
21	Other circulatory disease .. .. .	7	10	17
22	Influenza .. .. .	0	0	0
23	Pneumonia .. .. .	8	7	15
24	Bronchitis .. .. .	6	4	10
25	Other diseases of respiratory system .. .. .	1	1	2
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .. .. .	2	0	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .. .. .	2	2	4
28	Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .	0	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .	1	—	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. .. .	—	0	0
31	Congenital malformations .. .. .	1	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases .. .. .	10	17	27
33	Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	4	1	5
34	All other accidents .. .. .	4	4	8
35	Suicide .. .. .	3	0	3
36	Homicide and operations of war .. .. .	0	0	0

## SECTION 'B'

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT

#### Laboratory Service

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Plymouth (*Telephone*: Plymouth 63997).

#### County Council Health Services

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

#### *Ambulance Service*

The Ambulance Service in the Tavistock Rural District is radio-controlled from headquarters at Plympton (*Telephone*: Plymouth 36414). It is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

#### *Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres*

There are nine District Nurses and Midwives and four Health Visitors.

There are four Welfare Centres:

D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2617)

Methodist Schoolroom, Horrabridge

Ladies' Club, Princetown

Tinhay Methodist Schoolroom, Lifton

#### *Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation*

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents.

First Friday in each month: Tavistock – morning and afternoon

First Monday in each month: Horrabridge – afternoon

Second Wednesday in each month: Lifton – afternoon

Fourth Wednesday in each month: Princetown – afternoon

#### *Home and Domestic Help Service*

Applications should be made to the Local Organiser, Miss Venus, at D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2617).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

#### *Mental Health*

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, Mr. Shadwell and Mr. Fitzgerald, at Abbey House, Russell Street, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2253).

Help in respect of mentally sub-normal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

#### *Chiropody Service*

A County Council Chiropodist operates a Foot Clinic at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Rd., Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 3533). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mother who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

### *Occupational Therapy*

There are two Occupational Therapists at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone:* Tavistock 3533).

### *Health Centres*

There are no Health Centres at present but it is hoped to build one at Yelverton in the near future.

### *Hospital Services*

The Rural District is served by the Plymouth and District Hospital Management Committee and there are hospitals at Plymouth and Tavistock.

### *General Practitioner Medical and Dental Services*

There are thirteen General Medical Practitioners and five Dentists in the Tavistock area. The School Dental Clinic is at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock. (*Telephone :* Tavistock 2617).

### *Other Services*

There is a Rest Room for the Elderly in Duke Street, Tavistock, run by a Voluntary Committee.

There is one Welfare Home, Harewood House, Plymouth Road, Tavistock, run by the Devon County Council.

A Meals-on-Wheels Service, run by the W.R.V.S., operates in Tavistock and adjoining areas. The meals are cooked at Harewood House. Enquiries should be made to Tavistock 2754.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Tavistock are arranged by the B.R.C.S., Red Cross House, West Street, Tavistock.

A Workshop for the Disabled functions three days a week at The Church Hall, West Street, Tavistock (*Telephone:* Tavistock 2981).

Cytology Clinic Sessions for the early detection of cancer in women are held each month at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone:* Tavistock 2617).



## SECTION 'C'

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

**Water Supply**

The North Devon Water Board and the Plymouth Corporation Water Department both supply water to the Tavistock Rural District. The North Devon Water Board's works are at Prewley, near Okehampton, and at Kilworthy, Tavistock. The Plymouth Corporation supply comes from various sources at Princetown, Dousland and from Burrator.

These Authorities take regular samples of the water and no adverse reports have been received by the Tavistock Rural District Council.

A good supply of water has been maintained throughout the year.

The Public Health Inspectors took eleven samples from private water supplies during the year and these were examined bacteriologically. Eight received satisfactory reports. In the three unsatisfactory cases, the occupiers of the premises concerned were advised on precautionary and remedial measures which should be taken and this action was followed by further sampling which proved to be satisfactory.

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE NORTH DEVON WATER BOARD  
IN THE TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number of Domestic Properties</i>	<i>Number of Farms</i>	<i>Number of other Metered supplies (ex. cattle- troughs)</i>	<i>Total Properties</i>	<i>Population supplied (estimated)</i>
BERE FERRERS .	746	32	46	824	2,472
BRENTOR . .	86	14	9	109	327
BRADSTONE . .	—	—	—	—	—
CORYTON . .	3	1	1	5	15
DUNTERTON . .	—	—	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE (pt.)	172	4	1	177	531
KELLY . .	7	2	1	10	30
LAMERTON . .	118	28	7	153	459
LEWTRENCHARD .	45	11	6	62	186
LIFTON . .	283	16	14	313	939
LYDFORD (pt.) .	112	11	5	128	384
MARYSTOWE . .	15	5	2	22	66
MARY TAVY . .	185	10	15	210	630
MILTON ABBOT .	80	14	1	95	285
PETER TAVY . .	65	5	1	71	213
SAMPFORD SPINEY .	37	5	1	43	129
STOWFORD . .	32	12	3	47	141
SYDENHAM DAMEREL	20	6	3	29	87
TAVISTOCK . .	2,237	—	—	2,249	6,700
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS	77	28	8	113	339
THRUSHELTON . .	9	9	1	19	57
WHITCHURCH . .	58	6	1	65	195
TOTAL .	4,387	219	126	4,744	14,185

**Fluoride Content**

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.10 parts per million.

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH WATER DEPARTMENT  
IN THE TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>	<i>Population Supplied</i>
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM .	856	2,750
HORRABRIDGE (part) . .	299	1,047 *
LYDFORD FOREST . . .	110	385 plus 1,000 (Prison) *
MEAVY . . . .	158	527
SHEEPSTOR . . . .	13	53
WALKHAMPTON . . .	140	623

\* *Estimated population*

No properties are supplied by standpipes fixed on public mains.

### Fluoride Content

Samples of the fluoride content of the water has been found to contain between 0.019 and 0.062 parts per million.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The new sewage disposal works for Horrabridge were completed and taken over by the Council in June, 1967, and the new works for Sydenham Damerel were completed and taken over in September, 1967. Both schemes were prepared by the Council's technical officers and both are working very satisfactorily.

It is anticipated that the new sewage disposal works for Tavistock will be operational during the coming year.

Construction work on the new sewage works for Walkhampton started at the latter end of the year.

Considerable work has been involved in the preparation of plans for proposed new sewage disposal works for Lewdown, and Lifton, and for connecting the Harrowbeer area of Yelverton to the existing sewage network at Horrabridge. This latter work involves not only the laying of new sewers but also the provision of an additional filter at the Horrabridge plant. It is hoped that the Government economic measures will not delay the commencement of these schemes to too great an extent.

Major repairs were effected to the filter beds at Lydford, Gratton and Stokehill sewage disposal works. Extensive repairs to the irrigation channels at Princetown sewage disposal works were carried out after consultation with the Devon River Authority.

The purchase of a purpose-designed sludge trailer was authorised by the Council and this is now in use, regularly removing sludge from the sewage disposal works. This practice works reasonably well at the modern works but is an ever-increasing problem at the older works owing to the absence of drying beds and lack of storage space, and it has been found necessary to enter into contracts with specialist desludging firms. Normal regular maintenance has been carried out by the direct labour staff, and once again this year there have been several serious obstructions in the Council's sewers in the District, all of which have been cleared within a few hours of notification, apart from two at Dousland and Walkhampton which necessitated weekend working.



As reported in last year's Annual Report, the majority of these obstructions are caused by cloths, polythene articles and, in particular this year, disposable napkins, and it is felt that unless the general public take considerably more care in their method of disposal this trouble is likely to become an ever-increasing recurrent problem.

### Refuse Collection

Regular routine collection of refuse has been maintained by the direct labour staff during the year, and in addition bulk refuse (i.e. refuse which is too large to be collected on the normal collection) has also been carried out as directed by the Council. This proved to be quite successful and will be repeated during the forthcoming year. This year considerable expense has been incurred in maintaining the Karrier refuse vehicle and it is hoped that the Government's economic measures will soon be relaxed in order that money may be made available for the purchase of a modern vehicle with greater cubic capacity.

Once again this year, the refuse tip at Cotts, Bere Alston, was temporarily closed during the summer months. An arrangement has been made with a local contractor to visit the Cotts Tip, level same, and cover with earth after each visit by the lorry.

The refuse tips at Holming Beam, Princetown and Morwelldown have been closed and it is anticipated that the refuse tip at Peter Tavy will be levelled and dispensed with during the coming year.

During the year fifty litter bins were provided in the Dartmoor National Park area, this entailed considerable work in choosing sites and in the actual fixing of the bins. All these bins are emptied regularly at least once a week during the holiday season, thereby automatically increasing the work load of refuse collection with subsequent disposal.

At the latter end of the year, during the epidemic of Foot and Mouth Disease, precautions were taken by the refuse vehicles which could not avoid passing over farm land, but wherever possible farmers were asked to place their refuse on the side of the road in order to avoid the farms.

The majority of refuse is now brought back into Tavistock to the tip at Crowndale where controlled tipping has been carried out following the purchase of the B.100 loader towards the end of 1966 and which is working very satisfactorily.

Your Chief Public Health Inspector prepared an excellent report advocating better and more frequent service. The proposals were far reaching and obviously would increase the general rate for this essential service and I strongly support the report and recommendations.

The Council considered the problem very seriously and whilst realising the implications were prepared to go into the matter very deeply. Unfortunately, the Government squeeze compelled them to postpone the matter for a year.

### Public Conveniences

New public conveniences were completed and brought into use in Lydford Village during this year, and plans are proceeding for the proposed erection during the forthcoming year of conveniences at the car park by the church on the hill at Brentor. The Council's policy is that one new public convenience should be provided annually.

As was reported in the Annual Report last year, vandalism appears to be waning slightly in the public conveniences and this was even more noticeable now that the coin locks have been removed and the summer season has passed. It is hoped that this improvement will continue.

Considerable maintenance repairs were necessary to the conveniences at Buckland Monachorum, but all would now appear to be in order.

A small number of complaints were received during the year, particularly in the summer season and in relation to the convenience at the Guildhall Car Park in Tavistock, and it is hoped in the forthcoming year to increase the supervision and cleansing of the conveniences in order to avoid recurrence of these complaints.

### Swimming-pool

Weekly visits were made to check and maintain the treatment equipment and regular tests carried out to check pH and free chlorine.

This regular treatment and circulation have maintained the water at a satisfactory condition throughout the season.

### Public Health Inspection of the District

The following table shows the number of visits in connection with various routine work in addition to maintenance work shown under the various sections.

Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	669
Public Health Acts	..	..	..	..	..	284
Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	..	97
Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	..	324
Drainage Works	..	..	..	..	..	202
Tests on New Drains	..	..	..	..	..	251
Buildings in course of construction	..	..	..	..	..	878
Capital Work in course of construction	..	..	..	..	..	293
Council Houses	..	..	..	..	..	1,324
Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	284
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	503
Refuse Collection and Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	309
Rodent Control	..	..	..	..	..	734
Number of Plans submitted	..	..	..	..	..	606
Visits in connection with above	..	..	..	..	..	295
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	346
Water Supplies	..	..	..	..	..	155
Milk	..	..	..	..	..	16
Swimming-bath	..	..	..	..	..	40
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	..	..	..	..	..	48
Pet Animals Act	..	..	..	..	..	6
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	1,004

## SECTION 'D'

### HOUSING

Three dwellings were represented as unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1957; and in each case a Demolition Order was made.

No Council houses were built in 1967.

Private enterprise building this year showed a decrease, there being 80 dwellings completed compared with 91 in 1966. At the 31st December, 1967, there were 166 houses in the course of construction, a considerable number of which are nearing completion. It is felt that this number will show an increase during the coming year, due mainly to the Ministry of Defence buying a considerable number of houses in the District, particularly at Horrabridge and Tavistock.

Two applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council, the aggregate being £500. Seven Discretionary Grants were paid amounting to £1,416.

Applications for Standard Improvement Grants show a marked improvement. The affect of the 1964 Housing Act is now being felt in the department, and causes considerably more work than the 1959 Act. However, this very important service must be encouraged to the full. Thirty-five applications were approved, 37 grants were paid, totalling £5,870, this is an increase of £2,321 over last year towards the provision of 32 baths, 34 wash-hand basins, 36 hot water supplies, 32 water closets, 32 food stores. Additional grant was paid towards the provision of 13 bathrooms, 4 piped-water supplies, and 12 septic tanks.



The Council continued to implement the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899–1923, and Section 43 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 as amended, 45 applications being approved, 13 of which were subsequently withdrawn.

#### WAITING LIST FOR COUNCIL HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Total on Waiting List</i>	<i>Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Non- Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Retirement Pensioners</i>	<i>No. with Separate Homes</i>
BERE ALSTON .	25	3	18	4	23
BERE FERRERS .	4	—	3	1	4
BRENTOR . .	6	1	5	—	5
CHILLATON . .	4	2	1	1	3
BUCKLAND					
MONACHORUM .	11	1	9	1	8
GRENOFEN . .	1	—	—	1	—
HORRABRIDGE .	36	—	28	8	34
LAMERTON . .	19	1	12	6	17
LEWDOWN					
AND STOWFORD .	1	1	—	—	1
LIFTON . . .	16	2	14	—	13
LYDFORD . .	1	—	1	—	1
MARY TAVY . .	15	3	10	2	11
MEAVY . . .	4	—	4	—	4
MILTON ABBOT .	6	3	3	—	6
PETER TAVY . .	4	2	2	—	3
PRINCETOWN .	4	—	4	—	3
SAMPFORD SPINEY .	1	—	1	—	1
TAVISTOCK . .	162	—	142	25	141
WALKHAMPTON .	7	1	6	—	6
YELVERTON . .	14	—	10	4	12
MISCELLANEOUS .	8	—	8	—	5
TOTAL .	354	20	281	53	301

## COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>	<i>Total Number in Parish</i>
BERE FERRERS . . .	BERE ALSTON . . .	131	
	BERE FERRERS . . .	10	141
BRADSTONE . . .	—	—	—
BRENTOR . . .	BRENTOR . . .	14	14
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM .	YELVERTON . . .	8	
	BUCKLAND . . .	47	55
CORYTON . . .	—	—	—
DUNTERTON . . .	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE . . .	HORRABRIDGE . . .	108	108
KELLY . . .	KELLY . . .	2	2
LAMERTON . . .	LAMERTON . . .	33	33
LEWTRENCHARD . . .	—	—	—
LIFTON . . .	LIFTON . . .	53	53
LYDFORD . . .	LYDFORD . . .	9	
	PRINCETOWN . . .	24	33
MARYSTOWE . . .	NEAR LEWDOWN . . .	4	4
MARY TAVY . . .	MARY TAVY . . .	34	34
MEAVY . . .	MEAVY . . .	12	12
MILTON ABBOT . . .	CHILLATON . . .	16	
	MILTON ABBOT . . .	8	24
PETER TAVY . . .	PETER TAVY . . .	14	14
SAMPFORD SPINEY . . .	SAMPFORD SPINEY . . .	8	8
SHEEPSTOR . . .	—	—	—
STOWFORD . . .	STOWFORD . . .	4	4
SYDENHAM DAMEREL . . .	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK . . .	TAVISTOCK . . .	452	452
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS . . .	—	—	—
THRUSHELTON . . .	LOBHILL . . .	2	2
WALKHAMPTON . . .	WALKHAMPTON . . .	40	40
WHITCHURCH . . .	GRENOFEN . . .	8	8
	TOTAL . . .	—	1,041

## SECTION 'E'

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year 284 inspections of food premises were made. In instances where contraventions were found the proprietors of the premises concerned were requested to take remedial measures and further visits were made.

The principal food premises within the District are:

Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
General Stores	..	..	..	..	..	..	110
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Hotels and Guest Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
Public Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Restaurants	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
Manufacturing Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

## Milk

During the year 9 routine milk samples were taken from retailers in the area and the results were as follows:

	<i>Number Taken</i>	<i>Methylene Blue Test</i>
Producer Retailers ..	9	9 satisfactory

It may be seen that all these samples satisfied the requirements with regard to cleanliness and heat treatment.

A number of positive reactions to the Brucella Abortus Ring Test were referred to the department by the Devon County Council, investigations were carried out, individual samples taken and informal action secured.

## Meat Inspection

There are 4 Licensed Slaughterhouses in the District and inspection of carcasses killed continues at 100 per cent.

A total of 19,311 animals was inspected at the 4 slaughterhouses involving 669 visits to the slaughterhouses.

Full details of the animals killed and inspected and the carcasses, parts or organs condemned are shown in the table which follows:



## CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number killed (if known) .	2,262	151	141	7,608	9,149
Number inspected . .	2,262	151	141	7,608	9,149
All diseases ex. Tuberculosis. and Cysticerci: whole carcasses condemned .	8	18	27	81	36
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	706	60	—	716	740
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease <i>other</i> than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci . . . .	31.5%	51.6%	19.1%	10.4%	8.4%
Tuberculosis only: whole carcasses condemned .	—	—	—	—	—
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	—	—	—	—	192
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .	—	—	—	—	2.1%
Cysticercosis: carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	22	—	—	—	—
carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration .	6	—	—	—	—
generalised and totally con- demned . . . .	1	—	—	—	—

## SECTION 'F'

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1967. A total of 66 inspections was made in respect of 109 premises listed in the Factories Register.

## Part I of the Act

## 1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

(i) *Factories without Mechanical Power* (sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	6
Inspections	..	..	..	..	6
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	..	..	..	..	0

(ii) *Factories with Mechanical Power* (section 7)

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	75
Inspections	..	..	..	..	30
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	..	..	..	..	0

(iii) *Other Premises under the Act* (section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

Number on Register	..	..	..	..	28
Inspections	..	..	..	..	30
Written Notices	..	..	..	..	0
Occupiers Prosecuted	..	..	..	..	0

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred to H.M. Inspector</i>	<i>by H.M. Inspector</i>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding .	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature —	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors . .	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient .	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes .	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences (not including Outwork) . .	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL .	5	5	—	—	—

3. OUT-WORK (Sections 133 and 134).

<i>Nature of Work</i>  (1)	SECTION 133				SECTION 134	
	<i>Number of Out-workers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c) (2)</i>	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)</i>	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)</i>	<i>Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)</i>	<i>Notices served (6)</i>	<i>Prosecutions (7)</i>
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	3	—	—	—	—	—





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